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5      *In re* Application of )  
         Kouznetsov et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2171  
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         Serial No. 10/056,702 ) Examiner: Patrick J. Santos  
         Filed: January 25, 2002 )  
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10      For: System And Method For Providing A )  
         Framework For Network Appliance )  
         Management In A Distributed Computing )  
         Environment )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

15      Commissioner for Patents  
         P.O. Box 1450  
         Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

20      Examiner Santos:

         In response to the non-final Office action mailed on June 29, 2004, for the  
         above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments and  
         remarks.

         Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

25      Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
         on page 3 of this paper.

         Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.